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"...the Spice of Life"

When Mr. Eric P. Newman, recent recipient of a 15-year service award, was ten years old his grandfather gave him an 1859 one-cent piece. Ever since that time he has been collecting coins, and now has one of the most well-known coin collections in America, portions of which are on exhibit at the St. Louis Art Museum, the Smithsonian Institute, Monticello, the National Park Service Museums, etc. Items from his collection have been illustrated in *Life Magazine* and *American Heritage*. Recently his Venetian coins were on display at the Venetian Festival held by the Burdine Department Store in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and were written up in *Glamour Magazine*.

Three books on early American coinage have been written by Mr. Newman, all being the result of his original research. One might think that after having written and published these books as well as numerous articles he might be content to relax. Quite the contrary, however, Mr. Newman's scholarly pursuits seem to be gaining momentum. He is currently researching and writing three new books on early American coinage simultaneously. In addition to writing, this numismatist (coin collector) lectures nationally on coins.

Mr. Newman is Assistant Vice-President and attorney for Edison Brothers, handling lease negotiations, corporate work, claims, and other legal work for the company. He describes one of his duties as being that of "nursemaid to subsidiary corporations."

Travel occupies a top priority for Mr. and Mrs. Newman. They are enthusiastic adventurers, orbiting the earth at each opportunity. This summer they plan to revisit Africa because exciting changes will be going on there. On previous visits to Africa the Newmans have gone on safari where they tented in the open and customarily awakened to find their tent-site surrounded by elephants, rhinos, giraffes, and all manner of wild animals. Once, while in Uganda, Mr. Newman stumbled upon an 18 foot python. Delighted with this rare experience he recorded it with his camera while the reptile casually withdrew into its hole.

Over the past two years Mr. Newman has given over fifty illustrated lectures on Russia to various groups describing the experiences which he and his wife have had behind the Iron Curtain.

The maps on his office wall are an indication of Mr. Newman's love of early American maps and atlases which he studies and collects. Adorning his wall is also the oldest picture of the City of St. Louis, which was discovered by Mr. Newman himself.

A native St. Louisan, Mr. Newman received his Bachelor of Science degree (B.S.) from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Bachelor of Law degree (L.L.B.) from Washington University. He practiced law in St. Louis for almost eight years before coming to EBS. His wife, Evelyn, is the daughter of the late Mark A. Edison. The Newmans have two children.

Mr. Eric P. Newman

His work in education includes service on the Board of Trustees of Community School, John Burroughs School, Mark Twain Institute, and the Committee on Nuclear Information. For many years Mr. Newman has been an officer of the Missouri Historical Society which operates the Jefferson Memorial Museum.

During his spare time Mr. Newman assists his wife in the many charitable businesses she has initiated such as the Book Fair, Flea Market, Country Store, Scholarshop, Garden Gate, etc.

If, as the title of this article implies, "variety is the spice of life," then, to coin a phrase, the life of Mr. Eric P. Newman must be very well seasoned.